

MANDO'S ORCHESTRA.

A New York Musician Developing in *The Negro Race a Taste for the Classics.*

Prof. A. F. Mando's orchestra is a pleasing and instructive feature of the musical life of Greater New York. At the grand concert given April 23rd for the Lyceum of St. Benedict the Moor, this orchestra, which bears the name of the Mozart Conservatory, (Prof. Mando's school,) made a distinct "hit" and "scored" upon every selection. An inspection of printed program shows that the music was of the most exacting character, embracing the works of Schlegel, Bach, Thome Bartlett, Moszkowsky and others. The best critics pronounced the execution equal, if not superior to that of any other organization in New York. The Professor has developed a complete symphony orchestra of colored musicians, the like of which cannot be duplicated in the country, and he is planning to render the same classic productions that leading white orchestras are giving. This orchestra will present symphonies, concertos, chamber music, and overtures. Every artist is a soloist. Prof. Mando is a thorough and earnest believer in Negro capacity, and he intends in the future to do with his colored musicians what he has previously done with white ones. May 21st this orchestra will give a May Festival in Brooklyn, and on the 28th it will be the star attractions at the Colored Musician's Music Festival at Sulzer's Park. The Negro race has every reason to be proud of Professor Mando's success.

NORTHERNERS TO GO SOUTH

Mr. Thompson's Desire is that the Negro shall be Seen as He Is—Disclaims Ulterior Motives.

Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, the author of resolution for suffrage investigation, and other members of the House have accepted an invitation to journey South and observe the Negro in the heart of Alabama's black belt. The program is to have the party leave in a special car May 10, and spend several days in the South. The travelers will be largely members of the House who have seen little of the South below Mason's and Dixon's line. The idea of this trip originated with Representative Charles W. Thompson, of the Fifth Alabama district, who has a large plantation near Tuskegee, where he employs some 400 or 500 Negro hands. Mr. Thompson is a prosperous man, possesses means, and believes the trip will give the Northerners a chance to form some opinions of their own about conditions in the South. He declares that he will make no effort to impress his own views about conditions upon the prospective visitors, but will leave them entirely free to draw their own conclusions. It is expected that Senator Frye will accompany the party. Speaker Henderson has also been invited. Among the Representatives who have accepted, besides Mr. Crumpacker, are Gen. Ketcham, of New York; Mr. Dick and Mr. Southard, of Ohio; Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts; Mr. Barney, Mr. Brown, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Dahle, Mr. Davidson, of Wisconsin; Mr. Smith, and Mr. Conner of Iowa.

Some apprehension is felt by the colored people of the North that the trip is to ward off northern support of

suffrage equality by showing up the southern Negro in a bad light, but Mr. Thompson, who is known to be friendly to Negro progress, declares that there is no motive behind his plans save that of affording an opportunity for gathering serviceable information.

NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Report of Chicago Meeting Soon to be Issued by S. Laing Williams Should be Widely Read.

EDITOR COLORED AMERICANS—As official compiler of "The National Negro Business League," I am pleased to send to you this notice that the complete report of the Chicago convention of the League is in the hands of the printer, and will be ready for distribution on the 1st day of April next.

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The Executive Committee is very desirous that the widest possible circulation be given to this report, believing by this means that interest in the purposes of the League will be enlarged and intensified. To this end the cost of the Report, \$0.35, has been put within easy reach of every one interested. You will greatly aid the work of distribution by sending in your order at once.

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S. LAING WILLIAMS,

113 Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

N. B.—It is a pleasure to note that this printing of the report has been done by Mr. R. S. Abbott, a graduate of Hampton, of the class of 1896.

How to Help the Negro.

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Morris Brown College.

Hon. John Temple Graves delivers his famous lecture "Regin of the Demagogue" in the Morris Brown College lecture course May 12. This institution is receiving hearty sympathy and support from prominent white citizens of the South.

TALKING GOOD SENSE.

The editorial in THE COLORED AMERICAN of Washington, D. C., under the caption of "Appeals to Race Prejudices" was copied in full by Editor Bryson in the daily press in the issue of the 13th inst., commending in the highest terms its logic and good sense. It was certainly one of the most sensible editorials that it has been our good fortune to read. It ought to have been reproduced in many of the colored papers.—Louisiana, Mo., correspondent of Omaha Enterprise.



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